



---

**SLIPPER SAILINGS**  
**December 2007**

---

**The View from the Crows Nest once more!**

The cruisers are ashore and the Hare and Hounds Series is underway once more with Slipper in a commanding lead as I write. Those of us who stayed in the UK this year did not have much of a summer. But, as ever, many of our members, particularly our younger ones have achieved so much despite the weather. David Cockerill has kindly provided a timely reminder of their achievements as have Paul Mothersele and Mike Lillywhite. Opposite (photo removed – Ed) is “Victorious” the only boat in the Slipper Fleet that could possibly have a crows nest. Rescued and lovingly restored by Russell Ferriday and sailed with Andrea, they have regularly joined in with the cruisers this year making a fine sight in the Solent. It is also a reminder that we did have some nice days as well, both at the beginning and at the end of the season.

Unfortunately the sailors in Fed Week had to contend with some atrocious conditions and two days were blow off. David Holmes and his team of Slipper patrol boats had a very busy time indeed. But despite the weather there was an excellent turn out and we were narrowly beaten in to third place behind Mengeham SC and HISC. Had James Fifield not been OCS in the last laser race, he would have won that class and team Slipper would have pushed HISC into third place.

Further afield, Julian Mandiwall, with Geoff McNichol, brought Bobo back to Falmouth completing an epic ten thousand mile round trip this summer. At home the cruiser fleet rounded off a very successful racing season retaining the Yoke in a closely fought race to Warsash. The end of the race coincided with the QE 2's final departure from Southampton as she sailed slowly down Southampton Water for the last time.

Both the Yoke and the Folly trophies were “returned” to us at an informal prize giving in October at the other Club. (Hurrah!)

This year six of our members have crewed the restored oyster boat the Terror on commercial trips around our harbour. However, despite the poor weather, the majority of trips were completed successfully. If you wish to go for a sail in the Terror you must book through the harbour office at Itchenor. The programme of sailings will be available in the New Year when the 2008 harbour guide is published. Most of the volunteer crews have been drawn from the two Emsworth Clubs and they are pictured opposite, along with the harbourmaster John Davis and Emsworth's harbour hand Sid Kennet (photo removed – Ed).

The Bosun team under Rex Riddington have continued to keep our support craft in tip-top shape and are currently rewiring Slipper Maid during her winter refit. They have also continued to refurbish the boatshed and by the start of the new season it should have much better facilities to support our boats.

The Premises Committee and their helpers have continued to make great progress throughout the club with a variety of projects, including refurbishing the office, helping the Bosun team upgrade the boatshed, painting the start hut, re-glazing the Velux windows on the mezzanine and fitting a

new water supply to the dinghy park. You may have also noticed that all the gates and fences have been repainted as have the walls and ceiling in the entrance hall and the changing room ceilings. This is all thanks to a small decorating team led by Mike Clarke and including Mike Algar, Ron Archer, Mike Balster, John Hitchcock, Neil Lanchbury and Richard Swaine.

The annual Emsworth Food Festival was held in mid September and once again seems to have been a great success. However, it is not without its opponents as it causes considerable disruption to those who live in South Street and Bridgefoot Path and of course we lose the use of the quay and our car park for three days. It is possible that the festival in the future may no longer be a yearly event, when I know more I will let you know. However, the highpoint for many Club members this year was the superb firework display on the Friday evening and without doubt the best position to watch it was from our balcony and patio.

Our regatta, back at its normal slot at the beginning of September was well attended despite a clash with a World Cup rugby match. It attracted 87 entries and those of us who were sent down harbour experienced a fantastic high speed reach all the way back from the entrance to the Club line. My thanks to Mike Lillywhite and his helpers for arranging a splendid event. The biggest fleet, the fast handicap was won by our junior captain Tom Durham. He is standing down this year, but after a successful season campaigning his 29er, he is shortly off to the world championships in Australia where we wish him well.

David Valentine has also had to stand down as our Junior Co-ordinator as he will be spending most of his time working abroad next year. A former Sailing Secretary and the driving force behind Oppie Camp for many years, David was recognised for his outstanding contribution to the Club and was awarded the Silver Slipper at the annual prize giving recently. Unfortunately, no one has put their name forward as his relief, so we will start the New Year with a significant vacancy in our management team.

This Newsletter has been published later than usual and I think it is just an indicator of the time pressures we all seem to be under, hence I would like to thank all of you who have been able to find the time to contribute to it.

Under normal circumstances, this would have been my last opportunity to write the opening article for Slipper Sailings. However, I am back at the helm for a fourth but final year as your Commodore, so all being well there will be three more views from the crows nest next year.

I hope you all have a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Julian Murch**  
Commodore

### Cruisers

Where did the 2007 sailing season go? It was not the best sailing season on record but the ESSC events were the usual, well attended, success story. Most of our migratory wanderers reported less than perfect summer cruises, so the bad weather was not only confined to the rest of us left behind in the not so sunny Solent. It does not sound like it was the best year to do the return ARC back across the Atlantic from the Caribbean either, with Julian Mandiwall on Bobo reporting a particularly eventful trip. On the plus side they did manage to win a prestigious leg of the trip against some much larger and slicker competition. Speaking of winning prestigious events, our Commodore

and a boat full of Slipper racing rock stars managed to bag a first in their class in the Round the Island Race in Melody!

Meanwhile, back at ESSC the season got underway with the Cranwell Cup. This is a navigation event where the crew pick their start time from Chichester Racing Buoy on the Saturday and Gales HSB on Sunday and the elapsed times are added together. All I can say again is: thanks guys, you did not have to let me win the first race of the season! It certainly paid to leave and return early.

The Anchor Trophy returned us to the Medina in a light easterly wind that favoured the big boys in the fleet. Shephards Wharf proved a popular venue and the social at the Island Sailing Club was a great treat – thanks Christine! The Back Passage home was an enjoyable drag race downwind in a F5-F6. This series has been dominated by that sly old fox Geoff Beal and his trusty crew on Koto and this race was no exception!

The pursuit race marked our final trip to the Medina. We were greeted by a F7 westerly against the tide. Seven of us were daft enough to make the trip after which things did calm down; we had a very enjoyable evening at the Folly Inn and a drift race home in the morning which eventually filled in from the SE which naturally favoured the later starters.

The forecast for the May Bank Holiday Cruise was mixed. OK for getting us over to St Vaast, but not so good for coming back. Not surprisingly, none of us were put off by the prospect of being stuck in St Vaast for a few days, so 11 yachts under ESSC burgees and 2 under ESC burgees set off early on Friday morning. Most of us motor sailed in a 2-4 westerly breeze accompanied by various unwelcome fog banks which we all negotiated with the help from fellow ESSC yachts equipped with AIS and Radar. The meal, sorties to the shops for various essentials and cockpit parties were their usual success. With a rapidly deteriorating weather forecast most of the pontoon chat was drawn to the trip home and when to leave? Some went early (before the gale/storm) some only just made it, some took a very bumpy Fast Cat home and some of us enjoyed St Vaast a little longer and waited for a better weather window before continuing their cruise or returning home. Alistair and I had a cracking trip home.

Back on the race course: The Bell Trophy took us to Bucklers Hard. Martin Perry's new pocket rocket Buster, on its first race outing, thrived in the fresh westerly breeze. The evening meal was DIY with varying standards of cuisine ranging from Steak and salad to Carrot stew (Buster did not win this competition!).

The Phillips Cup to Lymington was called off. The forecast for the weekend was not good, predicting numbers likely to make it for the evening event was nigh on impossible, and we are meant to do this for fun – aren't we? Most received the decision well but a few die-hards were visibly disappointed. Thankfully, from my point of view, the weekend weather was atrocious and my decision was totally vindicated!

The Folly Trophy was the first interclub race of the season, being a Round the Island race in two parts, one to Yarmouth (which we also served as a replacement for the Phillips Cup), and the other home. With 12 ESSC and only 3 ESC starters, there was only going to be one overall winning club but that did not stop us all having a good battle for individual line honours. There was a certain amount of confusion about where the finish mark was on the Saturday and where the start mark was on Sunday but in the absence of protests resulting from the minimal advantages/disadvantages, nobody seemed to get unduly stressed by the differences of opinion. We will try and clarify matters

next year! Saturday was an enjoyable fetch beat in SW4-5 and Sunday was a beat to Bridge and then a downhill kite trip home in a S2-4.

The Ladies race was a light wind battle against the tide. A new racing star: Judy Plimmer on Slipaway showed everyone the way! The hospitality of the Hornet Sailing Club was its usual success.

The Yoke was the next interclub event attracting the biggest entry of the season: 18 from ESSC and 8 from ESC. This was the ESC's best attempt for a while to wrestle the prized trophy back, but led by our Commodore on Melody, the strength and depth of the ESSC fleet prevailed! The party at Warsash was enjoyed by all and the drag race back was once again clinched by Koto.

The Nab dash did not live up to its name. Melody, Nessa V and Amaryllis all soldiered on round the tower but nobody completed the course. Halfway across to the Nab most of the fleet followed the lead of Amaryllis and anchored off to stem the tide in 12-14 m of water. I think most of us regretted it when we were heaving in the 40-50m of chain! Excursions around the Bounty at Gunwharf awaited those sensible enough to retire early, including our two junior cruise stowaways Sam and Sam. The Back Passage race back was a very enjoyable beat and was clinched by Judith in Melody.

The results? Melody once again takes most of the silverware, but Druid did not let them have it all there own way with Baby Blue and Buster also sharing in the prizes. Koto ran away with the Back Passage and Judy Plimmer in Slipaway was this year's fastest lady.

A special thanks to Julian, Judith, Russ, Linda, Christine and Geoff for all their help and support through my first year as Cruiser Secretary. Another fun packed programme is planned for next year!

**Hugh Kennedy** – Cruiser Secretary

### **The Dinghy Sailing Season**

As you will see in other sections of this and previous newsletters, it has been another successful season for Slipper sailors both locally and further afield. Our juniors this year have been outstandingly successful with Alex Mothersele winning the Optimist nationals (380 entries!). Sister Georgie was 6<sup>th</sup> girl and 1<sup>st</sup> in the junior fleet at the French nationals; our Junior Captain Tom Durham has moved into the 29ers with some impressive results and has been invited to take part in the Worlds in Australia over Christmas. Pete McCoy has been continuing to get good results in the competitive Laser fleet while brother Phil won the Irish Nationals and came 5<sup>th</sup> in the worlds at Lake Garda. Ben Hodges, Max Yoward and Mike King have all been campaigning the Toppers again this year achieving good results all around and gaining good squad positions for next year with Ben & Max moving into the Laser Radials. As I said at the prize giving I am not sure if we were the top club for junior results this year but we are probably the only one to have such achievements without paid instructors which is a credit to the quality of our parents, instructors and group leaders which I hope we can continue within the Slipper self help ethos.

Our junior co-ordinator Dave Valentine is standing down this year after many years of putting a huge amount of work into the dinghies, juniors and the club as a whole. Many thanks to Dave for all the support he has given me and to Matt Thorsby for taking over the role (with many helpers please, parents!)

Our dinghies have had some competitive racing at Slipper this year and its been good to see newer members like Matt Johnston (more commonly know as the “Admiral” due to the size of his fleet) sailing with Yachts & Yachting editor Gael Pawson battling it out with the Slipper regulars and older Juniors. Tom Kennedy won the top dinghy prize this year with good mate and arch rival Alex Thorsby the little anchor in their very lively RS 300s. The ISO’s had a successful Euro’s in La Rochelle with Richard / Matt Lewis second and myself / Simon Lewis 3<sup>rd</sup> despite some visits to dodgy clubs above a reggae bar full of sand!! I am sure anyone who has been to the marina there will know where I mean. We also retained the club trophy at the Nationals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running. Our dinghy secretary Andrew Gould and wife Vicky have been campaigning the RS 800 this year with some good results and some scary down wind legs not helped by Andrew saying “ Oh that’s good the first three boats have just pitch poled “ as they were about to bear away around the windward mark. Andrew is also standing down this year after 3 years and I would like to thank him for his work. Nick Hoath has agreed to take over and I look forward to welcoming him to the sailing committee and new ideas he may bring with him. As many of you may have seen the Hare & Hounds series is well under way. With up to 45 boats on the line and many spectators on the mill pond wall, its proving to be as popular as ever and I am pleased to say that Slipper have a considerable lead helped by many of our older juniors taking part when not at squad training – Thanks, lads.

All of the above would not be possible with out our volunteer Race Officer and Patrol boat teams. We are continually trying to find more helpers so if you feel you could do a duty please contact me or Poly Lewis. If you don’t feel you have the experience we can always pair you up with a more experienced person. We are also trying to encourage more people to do the Club Race Officer and Regional Race Officer courses so we don’t rely on the same few people to run our open events. Courses are in February and March and if you would like to know more please contact me, it wouldn’t mean you would get more duties just better ones.

Finally I would like to thank our Bosun team led by Rex Riddington for continuing to ensure we have a first class fleet of Patrol boats always ready to be used at sometimes very busy summer weekends and to our training principle Tony Gaunt for continuing to organise so many courses for us all to take part in and improve our own skills.

**Mike Lillywhite**

RC Sailing ([mikelillywhite@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mikelillywhite@yahoo.co.uk))

P.S. I would like to confirm the rumours that I now have a caravan! Don’t worry though I won’t be joining the caravan club and setting off for weekends in the New Forrest, although I know Roy Gardiner and Andrew Gould are keen to borrow it and do so.

## **Announcement**

Nicola and Guy Durham have kindly volunteered to be ESSC Topper Coordinators. This will mean they will be the first port of call for any questions you have about Topper training, Squads, Open meetings etc. Please watch the notice boards for more info and contact them if you have a question.

### **A Summer of Success for Slipper Youth Sailors!**

This summer really has been quite outstanding for youth achievements. Apart from our youth sailors showing their force at the Slipper junior and main regattas, they have sailed and raced far and wide at national and international events promoting the Slipper flag!

Alex Mothersele (14), is now crowned 'Optimist National Champion' after fighting off stiff international competition in a fleet of 380 competitors at Weymouth back in August. And after being selected for the GBR team for the French Nationals held at Lac Serre Poncon in the Alps, Alex achieved a very respectable 8<sup>th</sup> out of 400 and first GBR team member.

Also at the GBR Nationals, Georgie Mothersele (13) came in 38<sup>th</sup> position and 4<sup>th</sup> GBR girl. Sailing as an independent entry in the French Nationals, she achieved 1st in the Division 2 class beating off strong French competition and picking up two large trophies!

In the Toppers, Phil McCoy (14) won the 'Irish National Championships' in a very competitive fleet and immediately travelled to Lake Garda in Italy to achieve a fantastic 4th in the World Championships! Lake Garda experienced unseasonably light winds later on in the day, which meant racing started before 0900 in the morning!

Pete McCoy (15) qualified for a place in the Laser Youth Squad (standard rig) despite still only being a Junior! Pete has been sailing in the Sail for Gold regatta with the likes of Paul Goodison and Edward Wright, both Olympic stars. Furthermore, Pete picked up the title of 1st junior in this year's Laser Nationals held at Weymouth, a great achievement!

Tom Durham in the 29er (a very tippy boat) also qualified for a place in the youth squad but this time in the 29er! That's two ESSC youth members in youth squads! Tom's greatest results so far have been an outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> out of 55 in the UK 29er Nationals held at Llandudno. Well done! Tom has also been chosen to sail for GBR in the World championships held in ...AUSTRALIA! We wish him the best of luck.

Mike King achieved a well-deserved place in the OD Squad and he is looking forward to the challenges this will bring. Watch this space!

Ben Hodges, having had a very successful Topper career, has now moved onto the Laser and secured a place in the Laser Transition Squad. Well deserved.

Here are some other notable achievements:-

Hamish Ellis	National Feva Squad and won the Zone Championships with Alex Mothersele
Max Yoward	Laser Nationals
Theo Galyer and Jack Spencer	B14 Worlds and B14 Nationals
Billy Miness	Topper Nationals and Squads
Ben Lippet	Race weeks A and B
Oliver Creasy	Race weeks A and B
Barnaby Thorsby	Race weeks A and B
Chris Millen	Junior Regatta
Ruth Allan, Tess Allan	Feva Transition Squad
James Cunnison	Topper Zone Squad
Emma Durham	Topper Zone Squad
Kieran Wood	Topper Zone Squad
Jo Austen	Topper Regatta and Junior Regatta
Luke Austen	Topper Regatta and Junior Regatta
Sam Cooper	Topper Regatta and Junior Regatta

Never have we had such a wide range of successful junior and youth sailors!  
Congratulations to all the youth sailors whether you have become National Champions or sailed in your first Open meeting this year!

**Paul Mothersele** - Youth Coordinator

### **Slipper Juniors**

By fate I've been fortunate enough to be involved with the progress of the Slipper Juniors over the past fifteen years or so. For eight or so I was at the Slipper 'coal face' because Adam and Hannah were amongst the first 'Friday Night' intake (I recall there were four or five families and perhaps ten youngsters). I was even lucky enough to front up the Friday Night gang for a couple of years and learnt a huge amount from that experience myself. In recent years I have put that experience, amongst others, to good use and as many of you know I am the RYA Topper National Coach and more recently I coach one of the Paralympic Development Squads. I say all this to set the scene because the real achievement of the club has been the youngsters themselves. By a massive margin the most important achievement has been by the vast majority who have had a great time, pushed themselves to their limits and come back smiling. Sailing has a wonderful way of adding so many life skills to young people. For many others they have moved on to racing at the club and beyond.

Due to my involvement with the RYA sport development scheme, I have seen a significant number of Slipper juniors achieve the highest levels. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list but to my knowledge:

- Many have achieved places in the South Zone Squads, no mean feat in itself, requiring talent and dedication.
- Adam Cockerill, Alistair Nichols, Kellie Covington, Mike Thompson, Richard Warner, Tom Durham, Mike King, Phil McCoy, Ben Hodges, Max Yoward (Topper) and Alex Mothersele (Optimist) have achieved places in RYA National Junior Squads. An astonishing record for a small club.
- Adam Cockerill, Kelly Covington, Pete McCoy (Lasers) Mike Thompson (Hobie 16), and Tom Durham (29er) gained places in RYA National Youth Squads.
- Mike Thompson has represented Team GBR at the ISAF Youth World Championships (Hobie 16).
- Alex Mothersele won the Optimist National Championships this year (379 boats).
- Phil McCoy won the Irish Topper National Championships this summer and was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Topper Inlands (300 boats).
- Mike King has just been offered a place in the Paralympic 2.4 Olympic Development Squad. The first junior ever to do so.
- Adam Cockerill is now an RYA National Coach in his own right (there are only 5 other National Squad Coaches at Junior level in the country, he is the youngest).

Apologies for those I missed mentioning – Senior moments!

As part of my RYA role, I am fortunate enough to address groups who represent Volvo Championship Clubs. Whenever examples of good practice are required, it is always Slipper who fit the bill. The vision of those who started the junior sailing at Slipper and those who continue to move things forward have a great deal to be proud of. Slipper is quite rightly held in high regard at the RYA.

**David Cockerill** - RYA Topper National Coach

## WOW

We have lost more sessions than ever before to inclement weather but it has still been a really successful year for WOW. In this short article I would like to indicate what WOW aims to achieve and what our ladies have achieved this year. To put this into context, I have listed the awards that were presented at our end of season dinner attended by sixty lady sailors at the Brookfield Hotel.

Ruth Austen, in her first ever dinghy race, won the Ladies Slipper for being the highest placed ESSC competitor in the Gough Cup Ladies race. This year the event was organised to include WOW girls from both Emsworth clubs.

- Aim/achievement: This, together with the brilliant off and on the water tutoring given by Mike Lillywhite, is encouraging women to take part in sailing events they might not have previously considered.

Heather Offer won the Hitchcock improver's trophy with Elaine Morgan from ESC being highly commended.

- Aim/achievement: This illustrates our aim to encourage and provide facilities and time on the water to enable girls to improve and gain confidence. Dave Hughes using the Sport 16 has again this year provided many WOWs with the motivation to step out of their comfort zone and achieve things they didn't realise they could.

Sarah Parker-Jervis won the award for the most amazing capsizes, Angela Anderson won the distance award, and Caroline Manton is to be the WOW ambassador in Malaysia and co-ordinate a WOW sailing trip there next November!

- Aim/achievement: These are examples of the most important reason for WOW's existence: Having FUN!

Beverley Lewis in her role as the WOW Cruiser co-coordinator this year launched WOW in cruisers. Several day sails took place on Julian Mandiwall's "Bobo" and a brilliant weekend Cruise for which Jennie Vaughn received a visor for skippering and dancing on the tables!

- Aim/achievement To give WOW an experience of different types of sailing.

Watch out next season for Pink WOW sun visors around the harbour. These were given to all award winners in recognition of their achievements!

Thanks (and visors) also went to Fiona Horsman for her role as ESC co-ordinator, Wendy Busuttill-Reynaud for planning and Vivien Reed for WOW communications. If you pass your E-mail address to Vivien, she will keep you informed of what is going on. Thanks (but no visors) also went to all the patrol boat volunteers who made WOW possible. Without their help WOW just wouldn't happen so a really big "thank you" to them.

### Next Year

At an end of season session (in the bar) lots of ideas were collected and have been incorporated into next years programme. There is to be a capsizes practice at the beginning of the season, more picnics and a new event called "Water Orienteering". Watch the web site and notice boards in the New Year for details.

If you want any further details/information or are willing to offer your support to enable us to continue, please contact **Mary Alston**. (07866887610)

### **Social Report Oct 2007**

As autumn approaches, we reflect on another social summer at the Slipper and prepare ourselves for a busy winter. The weather hasn't done us many favours this year with a rather washed out Summer Ball, which prevented us fully utilising the outdoor attractions we had planned for you. Despite this, for those of you who joined us, the rain didn't dampen your enthusiasm and a good time was had by all. The theme for the past few years Ball's have emphasised the fun nature of the club with the fantastic steel band enhancing our Caribbean evening last year followed by the 'Beach party' of this year. Stand by for next year, when your social committee are going up market bringing you sophistication and glamour in the form of a 'Masked Ball'. Over the course of the year, the Slipper has generously supported the 'Sail 4 Cancer' charity raising several hundred pounds during various events for which we would like to thank you for your generosity. The 'Tea by the Sea' tea party is likely to become a national event, which we will happily support again next year. The afternoon took the format of us offering tea and coffee as well as slices of delicious cakes donated by members of both sailing clubs. All monies received were passed to the charity. This afternoon showed the Slipper ethos at its best and the attitude and generosity of local people restored faith in human nature. Hopefully, we can rely on your support again next year. The Hog Roast was well supported once again, with dancing to live music. It is unlikely that we will have access to the hog roasting equipment next year; instead we are going to provide a 'meat feast Bar B Q', again with live music to put everyone in the mood for our sailing regatta. This year we linked up to the BBC's 'last night of the Proms'. My particular thanks to Mark Taylor and Rick Hall who organised this particular evening. Due to popular demand we aim to make this an annual event. As the year draws to a close, we still have the wine tasting, fireworks, prize giving and Turkey Supper to look forward to. The details of which will be advertised around the club and on the internet. Early next year we are pleased to announce that Julian Mandiwall has kindly agreed to share his experiences of the 'ARC' (Atlantic Race for Cruisers). This is sure to be very interesting. As always, we look forward to welcoming you at the forthcoming events and please remember we are always keen to hear your suggestions for any social events you may like us to organise for you.

**Sarah Thorsby**  
Hon Social Secretary

Since receiving this article from Sarah, we have had the best prize giving ever at the Club. It started with a sparkling wine and canapé reception in the Function Room followed by an excellent two course meal in the bar produced by Mark Wheeler and his team. Mandy Gunner again arranged some wonderful floral displays for us.

### **Another Year**

Hi Cruisers! It's me Mags, once of "Misty" and "Rougette". I hope you have all had a good season, weather permitting. This is my second season of adjusting to a new life now that I am not tying knots and pulling ropes with Colin. I just wanted to say a big thank you to you all for your continuing support for me; whether it is physical or spiritual comfort, it all helps.

My D-I-Y skills are improving. I bought one of those put-together-together filing cabinets. Ten minutes said the instructions ... easy! So four hours later and with the help of a hammer it is assembled. Well it is not quite straight and there are four screws left over but I am getting there.

And yes, I have been sailing. This year Malcolm and Eileen Bishop invited me along with Eileen Higham for the cruise to St Vaast. They were so considerate towards me and who can resist Eileen Bishop's culinary skills. She was meant to be taking it easy but you can not keep a good woman down. We carried on to Cherbourg - a windy trip, so I lent Eileen No 2 my oilies and she helped Malcolm on deck (well, she enjoys it). Eileen No 1 sorted out her galley and I sorted out Malcolm's crossword book.

It was different in the Yoke, this time I was with Julian Mandiwall and Bob Fuller in "Bobo". "Just come for the ride" says Julian. "You will not have to do anything" says Bob. Suddenly out comes the spinnaker and a shout of "Take the helm Mags!" "No!" I try to protest. I am not used to a wheel, I am a tiller girl. But there is no point in arguing with the man on the foredeck, especially when he is the skipper and a transatlantic sailor. So I did as I was told and thought how proud my mate Ken would be of me. I really enjoyed that weekend. Thank you, Julian.

The highlight of my summer was a trip to South Brittany by coach, revisiting places where Colin and I had sailed during our seasons in France. Good memories and pleasant company on the coach except for one lady who talked and talked and .....! At dinner one night I thought her poor husband was going to put his head in his soup. I recognised the glazed look in his eyes; it was the same look Colin used to give me when I prattled on. So on that note, I had better end.

Cheerio everyone!

*"As freezing persons recollect – the snow first – chill – then stupor – then letting go"*

## **Margaret Lloyd**

As this edition of Slipper Sailings has been published after the AGM we are able to announce the names of the officers who will run our Club for 2008. They are:

President	Michael Hackman
Vice President	Julian Mandiwall
Commodore	Julian Murch
Vice Commodore	James Mant
Rear Commodore – Sailing	Mike Lillywhite
Rear Commodore – Administration	Judith Murch
Honorary Secretary	Ruth Austen
Honorary Treasurer	Bryan Hodges
Honorary Membership Secretary	Mike Clarke
Honorary Dinghy Secretary	Nick Hoath
Honorary Cruiser Secretary	Hugh Kennedy
Honorary Social Secretary	Sarah Thorsby
Honorary Bosun	Rex Riddington
Honorary Junior Co-ordinator	Matt Thorsby
Honorary Youth Co-ordinator	Paul Mothersele

## **General Committee**

Christine Ablett, Mary Alston, Mike Balster, Geoff Beal, John Brook, Harry Hatley, Chris Lunn, Roger Pratt, Vivien Reed, Peter Wells and Russ Wolstenholme.

In the calling notice to the AGM it was announced that three rule changes would be proposed. All were accepted. In summary they were that:

- The title of Honorary Sailing Secretary should be changed to Honorary Dinghy Secretary.
- That all the former Commodores should become Honorary Vice Presidents for life providing they remained full members of the Club. These are now:

John Mant, Colin Urry, Peter Hamey, Stan Buck, Andrew Turner, Colin Oiller, Clive Frost and Jackie Oiller.

- That the last/retiring Commodore should be the Club's Vice President.

All these changes are reflected in the list of officers above.

### **And Finally....**

A big thank you to my very competent sub-editor (a.k.a. The Commodore!). All that is left for me to say is condiments of the season and fair winds in 2008.

**Martin Perry**  
Newsletter Editor